

# Discipline Overview

## General Education & Special Education Students

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### Did You Know?!

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for Washington State has **New Student Discipline Rules** that were adopted July 30, 2018.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400

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The New Student Discipline Rules are for **general education students**. Remember, a special education student first has the same rights as a general education student.

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Special education students have additional rights.

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### Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)

A school district may **not** administer a **long-term suspension** for any student in kindergarten through fourth grade. The exception is firearms.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-440 (4)

### Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)

A school district may not **suspend** or **expel** a student from school for absences or tardiness.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-430 (6)

### Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)

Before administering a **short-term** or **in-school suspension**, a school district must first attempt one or more other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-435 (1)

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### **Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)**

At an initial hearing in which the principal or designee is considering administering a **short-term** or **in-school suspension**, the principal or designee must provide the student an opportunity for the student to contact the student's parents.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-450 (2)(a)

### **Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)**

Before administering any **suspension** or **expulsion**, the principal or designee must conduct an informal initial hearing with the student for the purpose of hearing the student's perspective. At the initial hearing, the principal or designee must provide the student:

- Notice of the student's violation of the school district's discipline policy
- An explanation of the evidence regarding the behavioral violation
- An explanation of the discipline that may be administered
- An opportunity for the student to share the student's perspective and provide explanation regarding the behavioral violation

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-450

### **Did You Know?! (NEW RULE)**

For students subject to **suspension**, or **emergency expulsion** for up to five consecutive school days, a school district must provide at least the following:

- Course work, including any assigned homework, from all of the student's regular subjects or classes.
- Access to school personnel who can offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work for all the student's regular subjects or classes.
- An opportunity for the student to make up any assignments and tests missed during the period of suspension or emergency expulsion.

Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-610